

Application No. 10/812,585

REMARKS:

Applicant has amended claims 11 and 23. Claims 11-16 and 18-23 remain in the application.

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 23 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 23, as amended, overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and is allowable over this rejection.

Claims 11-16 and 18-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jessup et al. in view of Trnka and/or Wilson. Claims 11-16 and 18-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jessup in view of Bourlier et al. and further in view of Trnka and/or Wilson. Claims 11-16, 18-20 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson in view of Jessup. Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson and Jessup as applied to claim 11 above and further in view of Trnka. Claims 11-16 and 18-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trnka in view of Jessup and further in view of Wilson. Claims 11-16 and 18-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Trnka in view of Bourlier, also in view of Jessup and further in view of Wilson. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

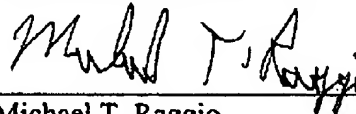
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Applicant has amended claim 11 to include the allowable subject matter of the reticulation unit having a contour head with a nozzle therein and the perforated panel being in contact with the contour head during the step of moving the perforated panel through the reticulation unit. As none of the prior art references cited disclose, teach or suggest a method of reticulating a film adhesive onto a perforated panel as claimed in claim 11, as amended, such claim is allowable over all the prior art references. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 11, as amended, and the claims dependent therefrom overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and are allowable over these rejections.

If the Applicant can be of any further assistance or provide any other information in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 248-364-2100.

Respectfully Submitted,

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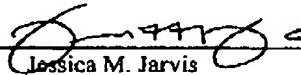
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